



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 226/U/91

In the Matter of Round Close,
 Welton, Northamptonshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 91 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northamptonshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Welton Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Northampton on 11 December 1979.

At the hearing Welton Parish Council was represented by its chairman, Mr R D Stringer. He stated that the Parish Council purchased the land in 1961 and since then had maintained the land by cutting the grass and keeping it tidy; it was used as a playing field by the local school. No title deeds were produced, but it appeared that they were in the possession of the Council's Solicitors.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northamptonshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Welton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated 9 January 1980

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner